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## STATEMENT CONCERNING COMMON OWNERSHIP TO DISQUALIFY AS PRIOR ART U.S. PATENT 6,689,055 (MULLEN ET AL.) UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(c)

Applicants hereby submit this statement in support of the disqualification of U.S. Patent 6,689,055, hereafter the Mullen reference, as 35 U.S.C. §102(e) prior art against this patent application. Applicants submit that the Mullen reference and the present application were commonly owned or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity at the time the invention of the present application was made.

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